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## SPOKANE NEWS

Hume L. Battiste is about to take up a homestead near Spokane. He says he will go and live on it in two weeks. We are glad to have him here.

W. F. Lamp, of Mohler, Wash., came back to Spokane two weeks ago to attend Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. O'Leary's surprise party. Then he took Mr. Bixler and several friends to Garfield, Wash., to visit Miss Bailor and folks the following day.

All the deaf friends of Mr. Vinson, of Portland, are very much pleased to hear that he and wife have a baby at their home. Mr. Vinson is well known among the deaf as well as hearing people here.

Mrs. Mayo, from Minnesota, was in town. Your reporter was pleased to meet her. She left for Portland, Ore., to live with her brothers.

Mr. Peters, P. L. Axling's old office-mate, was in town to attend the Fair.

Jacky Frisby's house was burglarized and about 30 quarts of preserves and a cake were stolen. It seems that burglars have it in for deaf people in Spokane.

J. B. Bixler has gone to Wenatchee, Wash., to look over his things there. He expects to leave for his old home in Indiana, where he will join his family. He may stay there for a year.

Hume L. Battiste is batching with Jas. H. O'Leary at the latter's house. Cooking doesn't bother them at all, as they can throw a meal together with neatness and dispatch. They may invite the deaf people to come and eat. They will teach the girls how to cook, too.

Frank Banister, who has worked in the Great Northern R. R. roundhouse for many years, bought some swell furniture for his home. He is so proud of it. They have a pretty little home now.

The deaf people gave a surprise and farewell party to J. B. Bixler, who will leave town for the east this fall. There were 21 deaf people present. They had refreshments and a good time.

Otto Johnne, who got his education at Vancouver, Wash., learned his trade as barber in Spokane last spring. He came back to town to look for a job and failed to get one here. He left town for Lewiston, Idaho, to try there.

W. Henrich, who has worked for the city for many years, resigned to accept a position at the Ideal Laundry for the winter. He is figuring to pitch baseball next spring. He is a very good southpaw.

W. F. Lamp went to visit the Misses Livingston and Bailor last week. He took them in his new auto to Rosalia to attend the Fair there. They reported a grand time.

Messrs. Courtland and Lloyd Rhiley are batching together at the Dodd building. Mr. Rhiley is a butcher himself. He knows how to tell meat, good or bad. If you want to eat good meat, you go and dine with them. Mr. Greenwald is chef, while Mr. Rhiley does the dishes and sweeps their rooms. Ladies, you better write them and ask them to teach you how to cook pancakes.

Arthur Heritage, who got his education in Jacksonville, Ill., is working as a cigarmaker apprentice. He is also batching in the same building as Greenwald and Rhiley. He does not know how to cook himself, so he has to buy smoked ham or fish, bologna, headcheese, boiled eggs, pickled pigs' feet, etc.

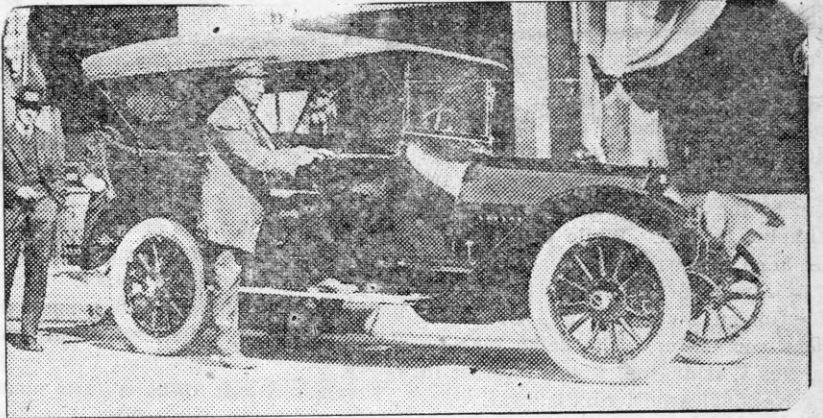
hope she will be over it right soon.

Miss Melba Brown, daughter of our popular captain at Station No. 11, is going back to school at Vancouver, Wash., October 10. We will miss her very much. She is a very charming young lady. We hope for her a successful year.

The deaf fellows have organized a new bowling club. They elected Jas. H. O'Leary as manager-secretary; Mr. Rhiley as coacher, and C. Greenwald as captain. They rolled a very good game last Friday night. Mr. Greenwald make 210; Mr. Henrich, 190; Mr. Rhiley, 186, and Mr. Heritage, 150. Have you a bowling club in Seattle?

Clyde Patterson, our popular president, announced that the Spokane Association of the Deaf will meet October 17th. They want a big crowd. They will hold an election in November.

Miss Hamie, who got her education in Colorado Springs, Col., is living with her uncle and aunt here.



Manager Finlay of the Buick agency, claims the distinction of being the only Spokane dealer to sell an automobile to a deaf mute. It is a 1915 Buick, six-cylinder, seven-passenger touring car, and one of the finest cars ever sold by the local Buick agency. Mr. Lamp is an enthusiastic motorist and drives his own car, being an expert mechanic, as well as a first class driver. He drove his new car home last Tuesday.

Marion Clark, who graduated from Delavan, Wis., has a fine business (harness shop) in Mabton, Wash. He was one of the class of 1881 of the Gallaudet College. He knows Dr. J. L. Smith, of Minnesota, and Dr. O. Hanson, of Seattle, well. He came to Spokane to attend the Fair. Your reporter met him on the street and gave him names and addresses of his old classmates and schoolmates — Mrs. Belle Bergh and Mr. Frank Banister and others. They had good times and old chats.

Mrs. Erve Chambers was confined to her bed with la grippe last week. It is reported that she is better. We

Claude Wood, formerly of the Salem school for the deaf of Oregon, is working in a job printing shop. He hopes to have steady work as pressfeeder here.

Birthdays come to every home during the round of a year. The O'Learys are blessed with three such days in one month. Their deaf friends, being aware of the fact, marched in a joint surprise on the whole three at one time, September 27. Twenty-three of them (skidoo) took possession of the home and between speeches, games and refreshments, the evening was pleasantly spent. The three in ques-

tion were the recipients of several very pretty presents.

Miss Jessie Livingston's mother, who fell down from her barn last summer, is improving now. Jessie has to stay at home. We hope she will come out all right. We cannot afford to miss Jessie.

JIM.

## Portland News.

The Portland division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf held its regular monthly meeting on October 3rd, and had a good attendance. The society holds its meetings in a regular lodge hall in the center of the city.

Saturday evening the question of re-organizing the Portland society of the deaf will be taken up between the society and the committee appointed at the recent mass meeting. The committee has met and arrived at a definite understanding as to what should be done for the best interests of all concerned, and it is believed the plan to be proposed will meet with the approval of the members of the society. The Portland deaf are showing considerable interest in the proposed re-organization. The meeting will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nelson.

Portland will before long have several more members of the National Association of the Deaf. Interest is increasing among them and the approach of the San Francisco convention of the association is acting as a stimulus to join. While Oregon cannot hope to equal California's membership in point of numbers it is believed the Golden State will find Oregon a close competitor. The same may be said of Washington, where interest in the National Association is good.

The Portland boys are hoping that Henri Le Prince Battiste, the Indian ball twirler who finished the season with the Calgary, Alberta, Club, will return to Portland. When last heard from he was in Spokane, and he has probably secured work there for the winter. Some of the boys here who are football enthusiasts would like to have the noted Indian here this fall to be a member of a football team they are planning to organize. They talk of arranging a few games with local college teams.

Bird Craven, whose job at the Salem school last term was stolen from him while he was off on a vacation, has been living in Portland the last few weeks, but has been asked to return to Salem and take up another line of work in the school for the deaf. Whether he will accept or not remains to be seen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schneider and

P. L. Axling were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Divine, at Vancouver, Wash. The Divine home is the rendezvous of all who know them and what hospitality they always have on tap. We had the opportunity of meeting a number of the leading deaf of this section while there. A visit to the state school near by was made and we had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the new Mrs. T. P. Clarke, as well as renewing acquaintances with Supt. Clarke. Mrs. Clarke is a most charming woman.

C. R. Lawrence and wife spent last Sunday at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves near Vancouver. Mr. Reeves and Mrs. Lawrence are brother and sister and both graduates of the Vancouver school.

The Washington state school in Vancouver now has an enrollment of 134 pupils and will soon have 140. The accommodations will be taxed to the utmost when the latter number is on hand. Supt. Clarke desired to secure an additional teacher this term but the board, after a look in on the balance in the exchequer, decided it would be impossible to acquiesce at this time.

W. S. Hunter, one of the teachers at the Vancouver school, came over to Portland Saturday to take in the football game between two local teams.

### In The Agricultural and Industrial World

Waverly C. Hatcher, of Littleton, N. C., is the sole proprietor of a jewelry store in that town.

Frank Sanders is running a cleaning and pressing establishment in Savador, Mo., and is said to be doing well.

W. I. Burgess, of Belona, Va., lost his barn by fire last summer. Some hay, grain, machinery and a span of mules were lost. The loss was around \$1,000.

Freeman Brant owns a farm near Chillicothe, Mo. One of his Perchon horses was stolen, but later on recovered, the thief captured and sent to the pen.

There was a strike on at the Brown Shoe Factory at Columbia, Mo., and a number of deaf workers were thrown temporarily out of employment. The strike has been settled and work resumed.

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### HAIL! THE COURIER!

Nothing daunted by the perils besetting the path of independent journalism for the deaf, and in spite of the corpses strewn along the way, another paper--The Courier--is to try to reach the goal that all others have failed. The new paper is a five-column, four-page sheet, published by Jesse A. Waterman at Evanston, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and is under the guiding hand of that old war horse, George A. Veditz, as editor.

For several years The Observer has alone occupied the field of independent journalism and we extend the hand of fellowship to our new contemporary.

No better location could be chosen for the new venture--the central states--surrounded by a large population to draw on.

The Courier professes to have a full knowledge of all that has befallen its predecessors. Linotype bills are long, and we hope Mr. Waterman's purse will be adequate to meet the demands upon it until The Courier is well established.

W.

### J. E. GALLAHER DEAD.

James E. Gallaher, of Chicago, died very suddenly in that city on September 25, at the age of 56. Mr. Gallaher was well known by Seattle people who formerly resided in Chicago. He was also widely known through his writings and connection at various times with independent papers for the deaf that are now defunct. He was also for many years a teacher in the Chicago day school for the deaf.

The Frat meeting will be held at the Hanson residence November 7.



## LOCAL NOTES.

Rev. Fedder will hold monthly services for the deaf Sunday afternoon, November 1, at the church at East Union and 22nd Ave.

The monthly Bible Class last Sunday was led by Mrs. Barbara Wilfang. Lewis Christenson rendered the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The next meeting will be led by Miss Grace Ziegler.

Mrs. Robert Turner, a former Seattle resident, is in town from Portland. She is visiting with her daughter, Ruby, and may stay all winter. Mr. Turner is a cook on a boat plying between Portland and San Francisco.

Miss Mabel Slegel, of Tacoma, recently made a motor trip to Seattle with a friend. The auto probably went so fast while in Seattle as to hit only the high places, as none of Miss Slegel's friends caught a glimpse of her.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. David Turrill will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Turrill has been quite sick, and may lose her eyesight, according to a Detroit correspondent in the Journal. Mr. Turrill's mother died recently in Canada.

Arthur Classen and "Silent" Rowan are now located in San Francisco. Mr. Classen was a student at Gallaudet College from this state last year and was prominent in athletics at that institution, but he has given up college to study boxing under Rowan.

Henry Ott was in town a few days this week. He is working near Enumclaw as a fireman's helper on a donkey engine, but as the logging camp closed down for a short time he came over to visit friends. He says there are plenty of men seeking work and unable to get it at the camps this time of year.

August Koberstein has returned from a ten weeks' stay at Glacier island, about seventy-five miles from Juneau, Alaska, where he went in the employ of a salmon canning concern to make their boxes. He made about 30,000 boxes during that period and cleaned up a nice sum of money, as his transportation and board were all furnished by the company.

A social for those attending the monthly Bible Class at Trinity Parish Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson Saturday evening. Various games and whist, accompanied later by the usual good things to eat, were the order of the evening. About fifteen were present. Lawrence Besler took a flashlight picture of the group.

The Littel planing mill, after an existence of many years, has closed

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down and is offered for sale. This is the place where J. E. Gustin has been working the past few months, and where he has worked off and on for several years. The owner has retired to his ranch near Bothell, and Mr. Gustin says it is about time for him to follow this "back to the soil" example.

All the ladies who could get away called upon Myrtle Hammond at her home last week and filled the house with flowers they brought along. The plaster cast has been removed and Miss Hammond is gradually beginning to move around. Miss Hammond's lawyer has filed suit for damages against the boat company in her behalf, but the date of trial has not been announced.

Cyrus West, a brother of Jesse West, has returned to Seattle from Dawson, in the Klondike. He reports that Jesse has purchased the two lots and shop where he has been conducting his machine ship and that he will remain up there throughout the winter to take care of what business offers. It is said that Harry Augustus, who has been up there the past two years, may also return to Seattle for the winter, as work is very slack and he has been laid off frequently.

A. W. Wright made a trip to Tieton, Yakima county, this week to see how the season's work had ended on his orchard tract, and incidentally do a little hunting for pheasants. Since the season opened October 1 the bombardment has been heavy, and the birds, retiring deep into their entrenchments in the corn and alfalfa fields, were very hard to dislodge, but he managed to bring back three. He visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stewart at North Yakima for a few hours while waiting for his train.

## P. S. A. D. SOCIAL.

The regular monthly social of the P. S. A. D. was held at the attractive and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klawitter, on 40th Avenue South, Saturday evening, September 26. The attendance was not very large, but what was lacking in numbers was more than made up in enthusiasm and joviality during the evening. Progressive whist was played, Mrs. Editha Ziegler and Mr. Belser winning the prizes. After the guests had made a clean sweep of the good things with which the table was loaded stories were told until it was time to catch the cars for home.

## P. S. A. D. MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the association was held in Carpenters' Hall, October 10, with an increased attendance over previous meetings. Except deciding to have a party on Thanksgiving night at Miss Grace Ziegler's home, no business was transacted, and the remainder of the evening was taken up with a discussion of the initiative measures that will be voted on by the people at the polls November 3.

Interest centered in the prohibition and eight-hour measures. Sentiment seemed to be evenly divided between the yets and dries, but there was not much opposition to the eight-hour law.

## LONG MOTORCYCLE TRIP.

Mr. Denson, of Rochester, N. Y., arrived in Seattle recently and is visiting among the deaf for a couple of weeks. He made most of the trip by motorcycle, leaving Rochester July 21, but when he struck the Rockies in Montana was forced by the snow to ship his motorcycle and make the balance of the journey by train to Spokane. Heavy rains again forced him to resort to the railroad to reach Seattle. He expects to leave for Portland soon, and then on to San Francisco. Unless he succeeds in securing work on the Coast he will then start on the return eastern trip by the southern route through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana.

## A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gustin passed the 29th milestone of their married life on October 18th, and to celebrate the event they had a number of friends to lunch in the evening. Speeches were made by some of the guests, congratulating the couple upon their long journey together, and as a reminder of the event they were presented with a set of silver soup spoons. Twenty-five of the 29 years have been spent in Seattle, hence the frequent reference to them as the pioneers. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Tousley, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ziegler, Mrs. Barbara Wilfang, Mrs. Sophie Klawitter, Miss Grace Ziegler, L. O. Christenson and Albert Hole.

Let us hope for the war to close, for peace over the world, and to stop this strife. Do you need the paper? Better subscribe for it. Only one dollar a year.

## CALIFORNIA DEAF FARMERS ARE PROSPEROUS.

The State of Washington is a great agricultural state and has several deaf farmers who are prospering, but they are widely scattered. California, however, seems to have attracted in large numbers those with a "back to the soil" inclination, and around Porterville they form what amounts to almost a colony. Wildey Mitchell, in the New York Journal, has this to say regarding that community:

While up around San Francisco and down in Los Angeles the deaf are crowded into the city, the deaf in this part of the state live largely on country places where they enjoy the thousand and one luxuries denied the city dweller, or are employed out on farms or ranches. Porterville has quite a community of deaf farmers who have every reason to be proud of themselves. L. A. Palmer, for one, owns and manages a fine 19-acre place three miles from town. He keeps some cows with 7 acres of alfalfa, and raises poultry and vegetables on a large scale for marketing purposes. Mr. Palmer is the deaf pioneer of the town and is quite an authority on matters pertaining to farming and to the deaf in his part of the valley.

There are others equally worthy of mention, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mann, of Tennessee, live on 13 acres, a mile and a half out of town, where they have a fine up-to-date house, 5 acres are in Elberta peaches, and the rest is devoted to stock.

Arno'd Baillod is taking up farming in earnest. He is a newly naturalized citizen, having come direct from Switzerland, where he was educated in oral schools, and is dividing his time to learning the ways of the American deaf, and to his two and one-half acres. He has built himself a comfortable house and has started a peach orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Benedict, of Iowa, are located on forty acres which they own, five miles from town. Their land is in hay and grain and includes a fine family orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Odel Martin, of Kansas, live eight miles from town, where Mr. Martin superintends a large orange grove for a wealthy grower. They have deaf brothers and sisters in Porterville, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cummingham, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin and Miss Lizzie Martin. The Cummings occupy the old Martin homestead and run the place for their aged father. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have rented ten acres given over to oranges and alfalfa. The hospitality of this popular couple has made their place the scene of many a pleasant gathering of the deaf of that locality. Mr. Martin has just purchased a fine team of horses which is the envy of the community. Mrs. Martin is at present in Kansas visiting her parents.

Mr. Sam Waters, of Kansas, has proved himself a very efficient hired man on an immense orange-grove two miles from Porterville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray, the latest eastern arrivals, from Kentucky, are making one acre go quite a long way for their family of five children. Mr. Ray is employed as a ranch hand on several ranches, where he is studying the business before he starts out on a larger scale.

There are 160 acres up in the mountains some miles from Porterville, owned by Mr. James McEvoy, who has leased them for cattle grazing. Mr. McEvoy is now up in Idaho, near the Canadian line, with Mr. Theo Helstrom, studying the possibilities of cattle raising up there. Late reports are that they are finding conditions up there far inferior to Central California, and that they are coming back to Porterville.

There are a number of others in Porterville and in other parts of the San Joaquin Valley, but space is lacking.

## OFF FOR VICTORIA.

I had to lay off for a week to go to Victoria, B. C., on the week-end of September. I lost a day on account of Canadian immigration inspector stopping me because I did not get a permit letter from the U. S. immigration inspector.

I visited a deaf lady and her deaf brother, who came from Bristol, England, to Keating, B. C., near Victoria, last August. I was anxious to ask them to tell me Bristol news, where I was born, although I left Bristol for America ten years ago. I was much surprised to hear of many deaf schoolmates and friends of mine of Bristol being married; some of them were dead. The lady's and gentleman's names are Miss Minnie Bobbett and Mr. Alfred Bobbett. They were educated at the oral school of Kingswood, Bristol, England. They were not my schoolmates. Their oldest brother came to Canada from Bristol, England, eight years ago, where he bought five acres of Elk Lake for raising poultry and planting fruit trees.

The folks of Miss M. Bobbett left England and are now living at Elk Lake, near Victoria, B. C.

I enjoyed seeing Misses Jennie and Bella Campbell, of Victoria, B. C. They were much interested to hear about Seattle news. They were doing well and wished to be remembered to Seattle people who know them.

The Victoria buildings are much altered since I saw them last. I went to see the Victoria Barracks. The soldiers and sailors are very busy. I noticed plenty of ammunition lying around handy. A. E. HOLE.

Better pay up your debts first and then you will get good results.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS.

Miss Madie Pearce, who attended the Colorado school, is now living in Nelson, B. C., with her parents. It is understood that Madie is trying to become a member of the Y. W. C. A. there, so to develop her shape.

Jack Ulrich, one of the noted Canadian puck-chasers of Victoria, B. C., is at present in Lipton, Saskatchewan, harvesting with a bunch of deaf farmers. He expects to return to the Coast next month. He says that hard work has developed his muscles a lot and that he hopes he will show his hockey teammates something like Hercules.

Frank Emerick, of Medford, Oregon, is in Leslie, Idaho, visiting his relatives. He intends to take part in big game hunting with his uncle as soon as the winter sets in.

Ben Wallace is still behind his cigar counter in Fernie, B. C., and his business is the worst he ever experienced, owing to the fact of the European war. Not only his business is bad, but some other business stores have already closed up. The war spirit all over in Canada is high and it practically holds every business firm to a standstill.

Clifford Moore, of Victoria, B. C., has been in Manitoba all the summer, looking for a job. (The writer does not know if he has landed one or not.)

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